

FINDS TRACE OF PERFECT HUMANS

Remains of Man Who Never Was Sick Are Now in a London Museum.

FOSSIL EXTREMELY OLD

**Shows That Man Similar to Present
Race Lived Before England
Was an Isle.**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, April 10.—In the South Kensington Museum a remarkable display of fossil remains of man has just been put on view. Dr. Smith Woodward says of it:

"True man, though of very low degree, had certainly reached Europe by the close of the ice age, or the beginning of the pleistocene period. He had even spread so far as the southern part of England—then united with the Continent—as proved by the discovery of portions of a remarkable skeleton of lower race in a river gravel at Pitdewton, near Fletching, almost midway between Brownhough and Lewes, in the Weald of Sussex. This

Dawson. The Flitford gravel had attracted the attention of Mr. Dawson for some time, because he had noticed in it numerous flints from the chalk, which could not have been carried to the spot by any existing stream. The nearest water course is the River Ouse, which has a valley only a few feet deep, since the gravel in question was deposited, and this river at present has no source in the chalk. The geography of the region, in fact, has completely changed, and the Flitford gravel may have been left not even by the Ouse, but by some river that has disappeared. It is therefore an unusually old river gravel, preserved by accident, and any fossil that remains in it must natur-

Like a Detective Story.

The discovery of the gravel on an ancient river bed must be taken as the first link in a great detective story. The next link was the workman who began to dig up the gravel for use on roads. They dug up a human skull, broke it up and threw it away.

"One fragment was fortunately preserved and given to Mr. Dawson, who immediately began his investigation. He began a search for the remainder of the specimen. Enough pieces were recovered to show the essential peculiarities of the skull. Part of the lower jaw and lower canine teeth eventually were found in the adjacent undisturbed gravel, and both implements of human workmanship and fragmentary

With-
From the moment of the discovery
the best brains in the world have been
at work on these fragments. Physi-
cians who what it has no trace of dis-
ease and therefore represented a fair
specimen of the beast man of those
far-off days. Anthropologists measured
the skull and worked out the in-
ness, and biologists worked out the ca-
pacity of the huge brain that must
have been inside it. Later on mor-
phologists discovered a connection
between the huge jawbone and the
teeth and the milk teeth of a modern
child.

Dr. Woodward gives as part of his
conclusions from the investigation of
all the remains stored up in the mu-

"Man, having a skeleton identical with the existing one, has lived in Western Europe since the beginning of the great changes of climate, much alteration of geographical contour and the dying out of numerous wild quadrupeds. He was here long before the British were separated from the mainland of Europe. His immediate predecessor was a form of man (Neanderthal or Monstesian), which more nearly resembles the apes. Still earlier Heidelberg man, though with typical features, was a more retreating bony chin, suggestive of closer relationship with the apes. Finally Pildown man, which is at least as old as the Heidelberg race,

jaw and front teeth as nearly on the same plane as was conceivable from their working on a human skull of normal width. Although the facts are still scanty, it is clear that the further human remains are traced back in geological time the more marks they retain of apelike ancestry. They suggest a gradual approach to a primitive forest animal with an overgrown brain, which was destined to begin a fundamentally new departure in organic evolution."

New York, April 19.—"I wanted to be a hero and get a medal like the boy in the movies," said Samuel Baik, 12, charged with starting a fire in his home.



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